Such multilateral projects involve protracted discussions, as all the aspects have to be carefully examined and deliberated upon to the satisfaction of the participating countries to protect each country's interests and avoid any problems in the future in the successful opeation of the project. It would take about 30-36 months for completion of the project after financial closure.

Supply of LPG

573. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any shortage in the supply of liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) for domestic purpose in the month of January and February, 2008;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to resolve the same; and

(d) the quantity of LPG supplied to various States in total, for commercial and cooking purpose for the last six months, month-wise category-wise, and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL) (a) to (c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that at present, there is no overall shortage of LPG in the country and LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the OMCs through indegenous production and imports in accordance with the genuine demand of customers registered with the LPG distributors. OMCs have further reported that they have supplied 8450 TMT (Thousand Metric Tonnes) of domestic LPG in the country during the period-April, 2007-January, 2008 as against 8030 TMT during the corresponding period of last year.

However, OMCs had reported backlog in LPG supplies in certain States in the country in the months of January & February, 2008 due to reduction in supply of bulk LPG by Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) & Essar Oil Limited in January 2008, delay in movement of bulk LPG by rail from Jamnagar to the Northern Region, increased demand in the States due to severe cold which resulted in panic booking by the customers, strikes by contract labour, agitational activities, delays in berthing of vessels at Haldia Port due to reduced draft, bandhs etc.

Government has advised OMCs to liquidate the backlog in the States by operating the bottling plants on holidays and during extended hours. Increased bottling is also being done during the working days for early clearance of backlog.

(d) OMCs have reported they have supplied 5254 TMT (Thousand Metric Tonnes) of domestic LPG and 302 TMT of non-domestic LPG during the period from August, 2007 to January, 2008 in the country. The State-wise and month-wise details are available with the Directors (Marketing) of the concerned OMCs.

Investment of by Oil PSUs

574. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether country's major oil PSUs including ONGC, OVL, IOC, HPCL, BPCL and GAIL will together invest more than Rs. 2,69,000 crore in next five years;

(b) whether the proposed investment would be in domestic oil and gas hunt, overseas acquisition and expansion of refineries during Eleventh Plan period;

(c) whether domestic, foreign oil and gas exploration and production, pending will rise drastically;

(d) whether India faces formidable challenge in meeting its energy needs and in providing adequate supplies at reasonable cost; and

(e) to what extent this investment will be able to meet the needs of energy in country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) The approved outlay for all Oil PSUs during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period (2007-2012) is Rs. 229071.59 crore. With this proposed investment, the Oil PSUs would undertake all activities in the oil and gas sector, such as, Exploration and Production; Refining and Marketing: Petrochemicals and Engineering. Details are given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) to (e) The proposed investment by Oil PSUs during the Eleventh Plan period would help in meeting the growing energy needs of the Indian economy. By the end of XI Plan, the domestic crude oil production is estimated to increase to 206.76 Million Tonnes (MT) as against the Tenth Plan production of 166.56 MT. Similarly, the domestic Natural Gas production is likely to increase to 255.76 Billion Cubic Metres (BCM) as against the Tenth Plan Production of 158.86 BCM. From overseas sources, during the Eleventh Plan, the production of crude oil and natural gas is targeted to be 35.51 MT and 9.69 BCM respectively. The Refining Capacity is projected to go up to 240.96 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) in the terminal year of Eleventh Plan as against 148.97 MTPA at the end of Tenth Plan. In fact, the country is expected to have surplus refining capacity of about 108 MTPA by end of Eleventh Plan.

Statement

Sector-wise Eleventh Plan outlay for Oil PSUs

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	PSUs	Eleventh Plan Outlay
1	2	3
A.	**Exploration & Production**	
1.	OVL	45332.87
2.	ONGC	75983.77
3.	OIL	13439.02
4.	GAIL	10326.83
5.	IOC	2982.00
6.	HPCL	2000.00
7.	BPCL	868.00
	Sub Total (A)	**150932.49**
B.	**Refining & Marketing**	
1.	IOC	28567.75
2.	HPCL	8714.00
3.	BPCL	11344.80
4.	CPCL	3275.00
5.	BRPL	1444.53

1	2	3
6.	NRL	593.00
7.	MRPL	8643.02
	Sub Total (B)	**62582.10**
C.	**Petrochemcial**	
1.	HPCL	773.00
2.	GAIL	
3.	IOC	11844.10
4.	BRPL	591.90
5.	CPCL	300.00
6.	MRPL	83.00
7.	NRL	111.00
	Sub Total (C)	**15321.00**
D.	**Engineering**	
1.	Balmer Lawrie	205.00
2.	Biecco Lawrie	31.00
	Sub Total (D)	**236.00**
	Total Petroleum & Natural Gas Sector (A+B+C+D)	**229071.59**

LPG'S Scenario

575. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the production, consumption, import and export of LPG company-wise, both public and private sector in tonnes during 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 till December, 2007; and

(b) the capacity utilization of the above LPG producing companies during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The production, consumption, import and export of LPG during 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 (April -December 2007) are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) Crude Oil processing capacity utilization of the refineries for the same period are given as under:

Year	Capacity Utilization%
2007-08 (April-December 07)	100
2006-07	103
2005-06	99